

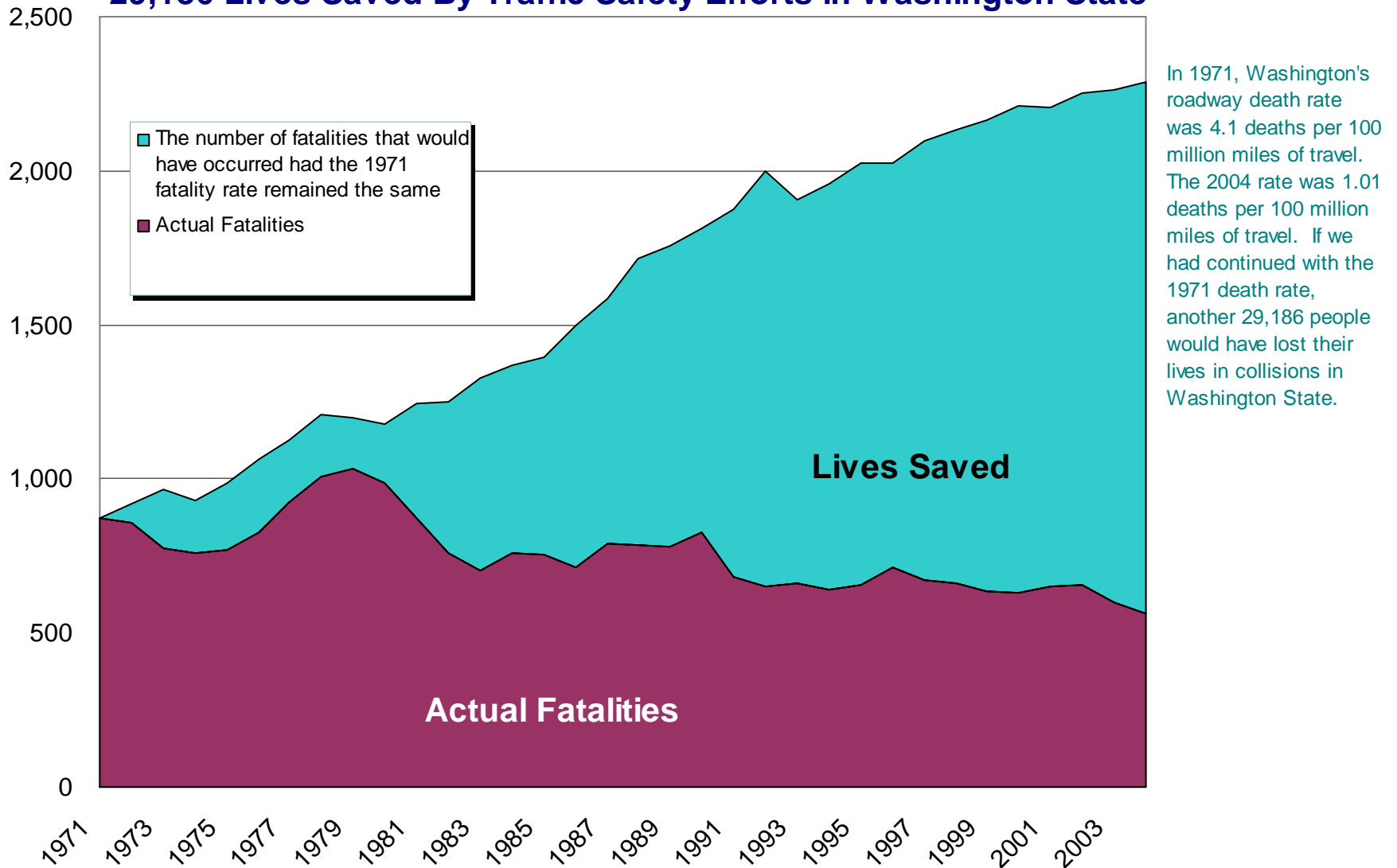
Washington State's Multi-Agency Approach to Achieving Highway Safety

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29,186 Lives Saved By Traffic Safety Efforts in Washington State



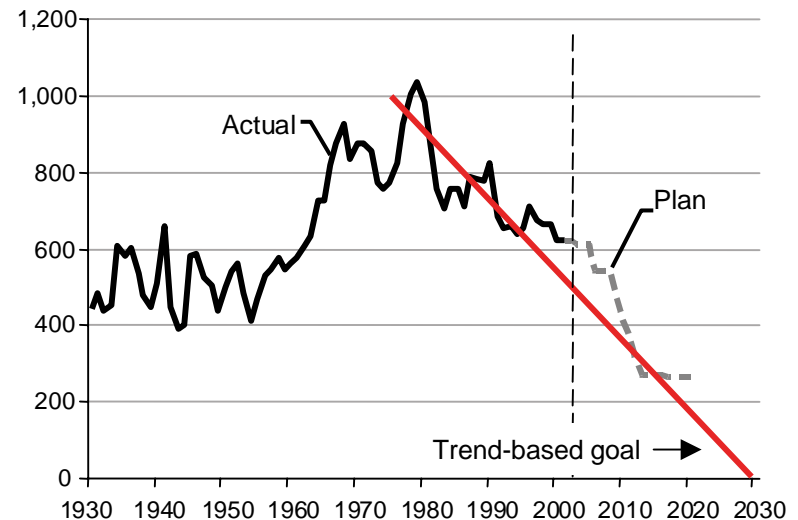
Data source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System, Wa. State Patrol, Washington State Department of Transportation and the Wa. Traffic Safety Commission (360) 753-6197.

Setting goals that matter ...

- We can't prevent all crashes.
- Property damage can be insured against.
- Minor injuries are recoverable.

- Disabling long-term injuries are unacceptable.
- Fatalities are unacceptable

A plan and a trend-based goal



No Fatalities by the Year 2030

... Zero Deaths by 2030

What Will it Take to Achieve our Zero Death Goal?

- Public and Legislative support
- Funding
- Agencies' commitment & coordination

Taking a Team Approach to Addressing the Issues

Partners

- ☐ DOL
- ☐ EMS
- ☐ Legislature
- ☐ NHTSA
- ☐ MADD
- ☐ USDOT
- ☐ WSDOT
- ☐ WASPC
- ☐ WTSC
- ☐ WSP
- ☐ Many More

Issues

- ☐ Impaired Drivers
- ☐ Seat Belt Use
- ☐ Aggressive Drivers
- ☐ Bicycles
- ☐ Emergency Response
- ☐ Pedestrians
- ☐ Road Environment
- ☐ Sleepy Drivers
- ☐ Trucks
- ☐ Work Zone Safety
- ☐ Young and Senior Drivers

WSP Management Philosophy

- Accountability Driven Leadership
- Strategic Advancement Forum
- Data Driven Decision Making
- Intelligence-Led Policing
- Problem Oriented Public Safety (POPS)

WSP Traffic Law Enforcement Focus

- DUI
- Speed - Dangerous
- Aggressive Driving
- Occupant Protection
- District Specific

In the past 12 months (May)

- Fatal collisions are reduced by 14%.
- DUI related fatal collisions were reduced by 37%.
- Injury collisions on all roadways patrolled by WSP are down 2%.
- Speed Related Non-Reportable Collisions are down 25%.

WSP Significant Accomplishments

FOB Core Mission Statistics - 659 Line Troopers				
	2003	2004	Difference	% Change
DUI	17,457	18,209	752	4%
Aggressive Driving Contacts	35,063	39,714	4,651	13%
Speed Tickets	220,183	197,693	-22,490	-10%
Speed Stops	452,158	454,166	2,008	0%
Occupant Protection Stops	91,726	77,840	-13,886	-15%
Occupant Protection Tickets	72,041	57,826	-14,215	-20%
Total Violator Stops	1,101,727	1,074,208	-27,519	-2%

- Injury collisions on state highways are down 5%
- Fatal collisions on state highways reduced by 10%

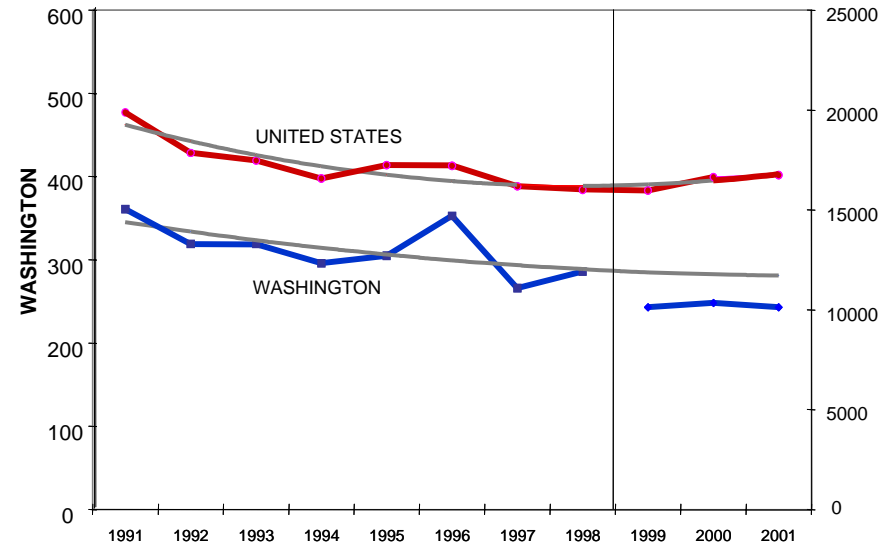
Core Mission Outcome Measures				
	2003	2004	Difference	% Change
Total Reportable Collisions	31,613	31,546	-67	-0.2%
Injury Collisions	10,725	10,227	-498	-4.6%
Fatal Collisions	317	286	-31	-9.8%



Impaired Drivers: An Enforcement Priority

- 0.08 DUI Law
- Breath Interlocks
- First Day Appearance
- Suspensions
- Vehicle Impound
- Jail Time
- Home Confinement

Alcohol Related Deaths
Washington as Compared to the United States



Increased Focus on Impaired Drivers but with Less Payoff...Solving the alcohol issue is daunting and expensive.



The Washington Drug Evaluation Classification Program

The Washington Drug Evaluation Classification (DEC) Program is managed and coordinated by the Washington State Patrol since its inception in 1996. The DEC Program trains police officers to recognize impairment caused by drugs other than alcohol. These officers are called Drug Recognition Experts (DREs)

Washington is one of 38 states in the program under the guidance and direction of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Washington currently has 165 certified DRE officers.

The Washington DEC Program is dedicated to reducing the number of drug and alcohol related crashes.



Washington State Patrol (WSP) and the DEC Program

How are we as an agency supporting the DEC Program?

- 54 percent of the DRE officers in Washington State are WSP Troopers and they conduct 65 percent of the evaluations in the State.
- The WSP has set a higher standard by requiring a minimum of 10 evaluations a year versus 5 evaluations per year that is required of state agencies.*
- The WSP requires a DRE officer respond to all fatal and serious injury collisions as well as a collision involving a law enforcement officer where drugs may be a contributing factor.



*This will take effect January 1, 2006. If a DRE officer is unable to complete the full 10 evaluations, they must dedicate 4 hours per evaluation to the DEC Program while still completing at least 2 evaluations per year.



Using the POPS Philosophy

Example #1



SCANNING

Problem Definition:

Felony collision suspects failing to appear in court. Fugitives freedom results not only in the substantial delay in justice and closure for victims and victim families, but also the opportunity for these suspects to repeat offend and create new victims.



ANALYSIS

Baseline:

- Number of persons wanted on WSP (CID) investigated **felony collisions** (Vehicular Homicide, Vehicular Assault, and Felony Hit & Run) as of September 2003: **31**.
- Average number of days fugitives were free prior to their capture: **1,099 days**.
- Emotional impact on victims and victim families: **Immeasurable** (but we have anecdotal evidence of the positive impact this project has had).

WSP's Most Wanted

Last updated: Jun 2 , 2005

Photos of Wanted Suspects

"The Washington State Patrol continues to actively search for the suspects on this page. The crimes they committed affected individuals and families across our state and forever changed lives. Yet, they have not been held accountable for what they did because they fled justice. Our thoughts are with the victims each day. For these victims, we want justice. No matter how long it takes or where they may be, we will find these suspects and hold them accountable for their actions. – Chief Lowell M. Porter"

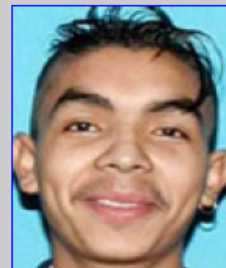
If you have any information on the whereabouts of any these wanted persons, WSP contact information is listed at the bottom of each poster.



Frederick David
Russell



Juan Avila



Ernesto
Palomera Carillo





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WSP's Most Wanted – ARRESTS

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The individuals below are previous fugitives that have been arrested.



Kelly W. Shields

Arrested 5-15-2005

Vehicular Assault
Taking Motor Vehicle without
Permission



Rebecca C. Solomon

Arrested 4-21-2005

Vehicular Assault



Clarence Charles

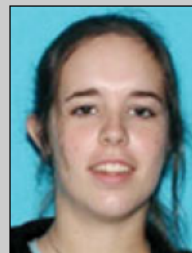
Arrested 4-28-2005
Felony (fatality) Hit & Run



Sharon Kay Cook

Arrested 5-02-2005

Vehicular Assault



Emily J. Holloway

Arrested 4-14-2005

Felony Vehicular Assault



Clifton J. Cornelius

Arrested 3-17-2005

Auto Theft

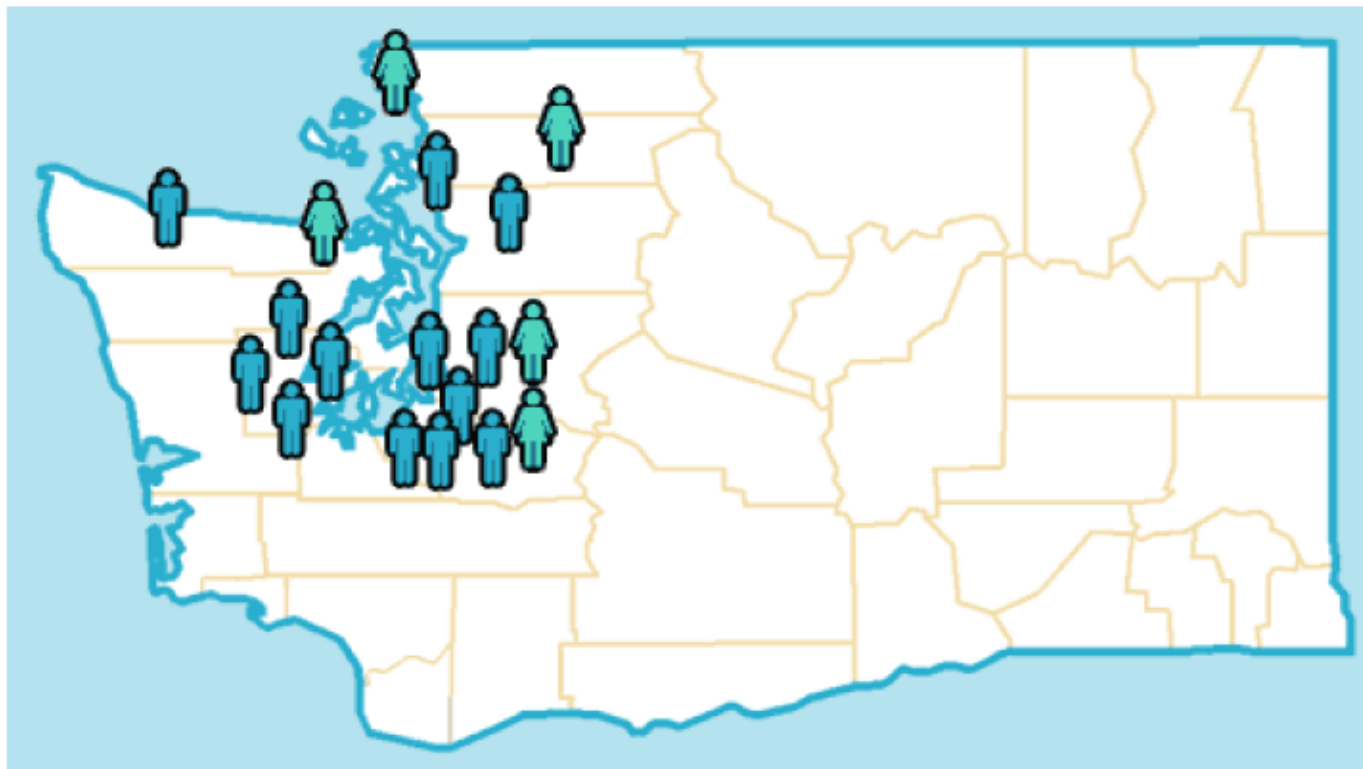
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WSP's Most Wanted Arrest Locations in Washington State

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Click on any of the male or female icons to view the arrested subject



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WSP's Most Wanted Arrest Locations in the United States

Updated: **October 6, 2004**





ASSESSMENT



DEGREE OF PROJECT IMPACT: PROBLEM SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED.

➤ In the 16-month period between September 2003 and December 31, 2004, **29** fugitives were arrested from proactive investigative efforts.

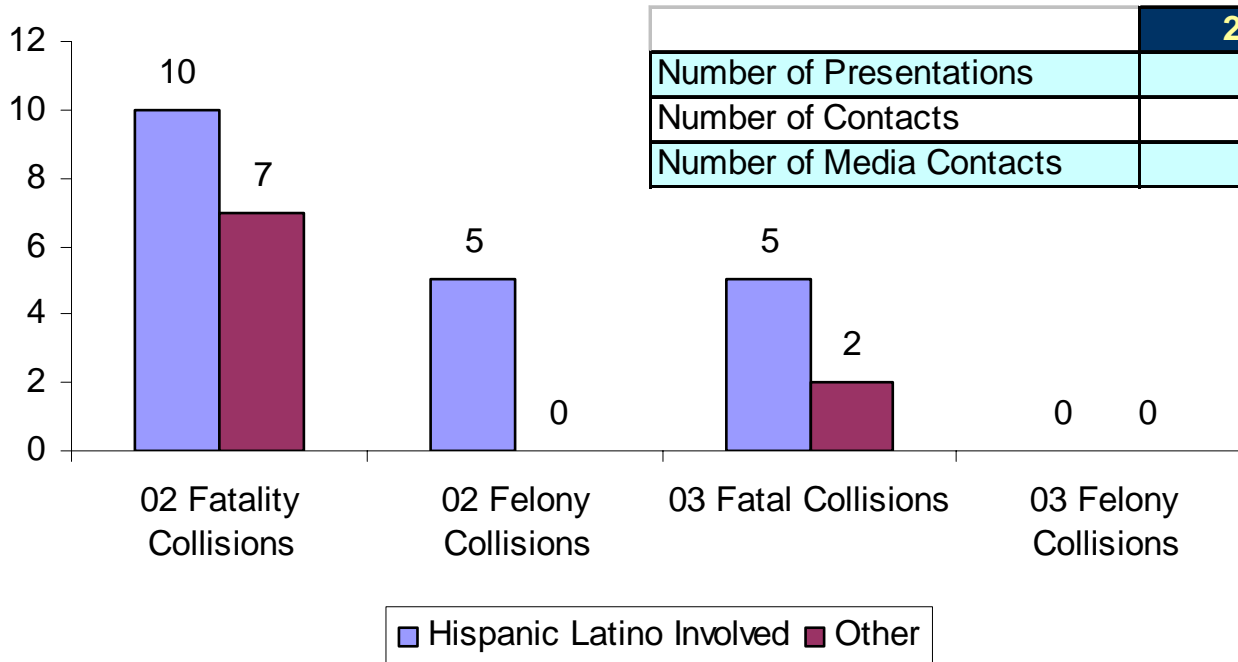
➤ Now, the average time a fugitive is free is only **70 days**. This is a **decrease of 1,029 days** (nearly three years) that these fugitives are eluding justice.

➤ Only **45%** of the original 31 fugitives have been arrested, however, **75%** of the suspects who have fled since this POPS project began have been arrested, proving that the hot pursuit is 30% more effective in capturing fugitives than relying on happenstance law enforcement encounters.

Using the POPS Philosophy – Example #2

Hispanic/Latino Community Educational Outreach WSP EI Protector Program

- Mission: Educational outreach to the Hispanic/Latino community that address driving under the influence (DUI) and occupant protection education, built in collaboration with community stakeholders.
- Goal: Reduce the number of fatality crashes involving Hispanic/Latino drivers/occupants.



	2002	2003
Number of Presentations	0	58
Number of Contacts	0	2,000
Number of Media Contacts	4	45



Successful Partnership – Example #1

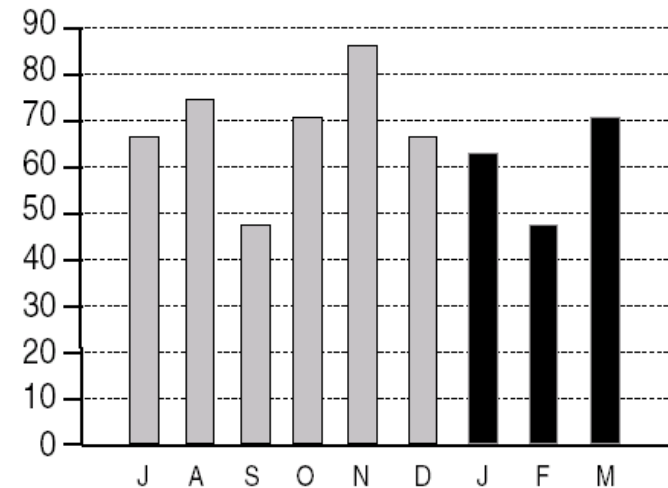
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JOPS – Working together to clear accidents

A Joint Operations Policy Statement (JOPS) between the State Patrol and the Washington WSDOT. Signed February 13, 2002.

- Enhanced WSP presence in highway work zones
- Modernized accident investigation
- 90-minute highway incident clearance goal on congested freeways
- Radio interoperability
- Co-location of facilities wherever possible

Number of Over 90-Minute Incidents
July 2002 to March 2003

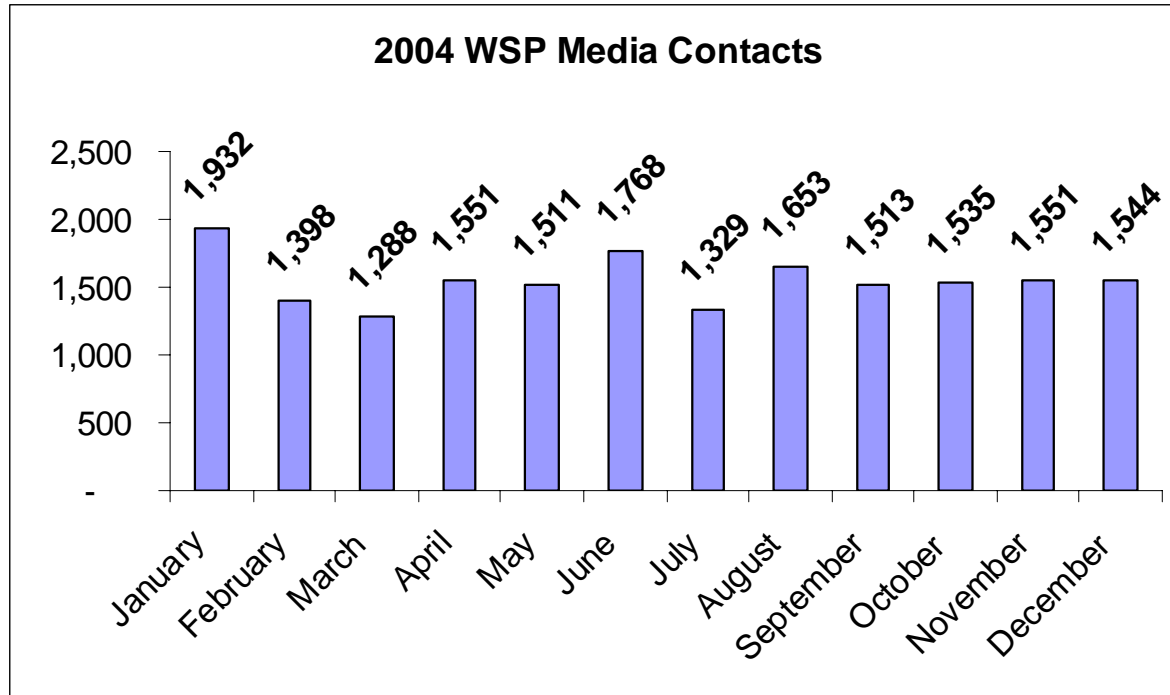


“Clearing Roads, Helping Drivers”

Successful Partnership – Example #2

Media

Working with Media to Provide Public Safety Messages

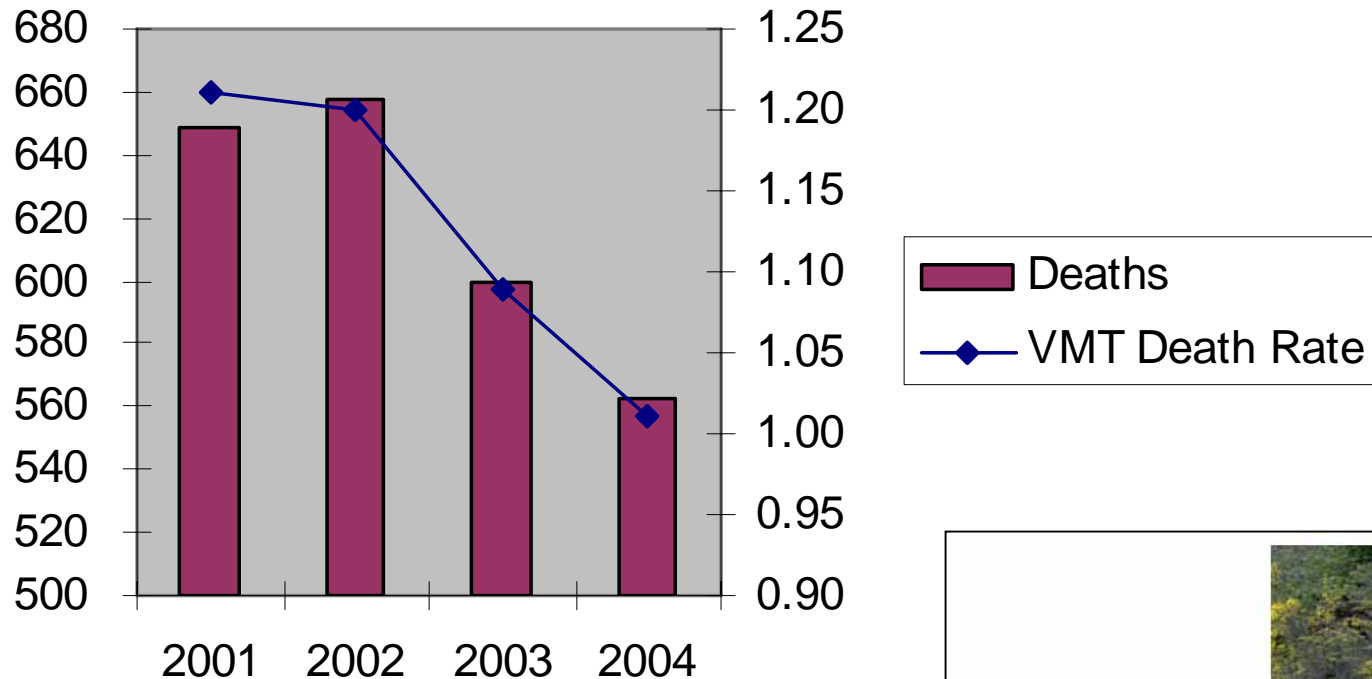


There were a total of 18,573 media stories that WSP was involved in, dealing with traffic safety messages in 2004.

Examples:

- Drive Hammered Get Nailed.
- Click it or Ticket.
- Emphasis Patrols over holiday weekends.

Collision Deaths & Death Rates



Your decision
could save
someone's life!

